**SPECIAL** Budget Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 4, 2008 4:36 p.m. Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chair: CW Hamilton

Vice-Chair: CM Downard

Members: CW Woolridge, CM Benson, CM Tandy,

CM Kramer, CW Green, CM Unseld, CM Fleming, CM Heiner

Absent: CM Blackwell

Chair CW Hamilton began the meeting by announcing the members of the committee present. Quorum was established.

## THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

## **Pending Legislation**

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O-102-05-08 AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2, SERIES 2006, AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 CAPITAL BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 126, SERIES 2007, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE BUFFER ZONE GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450,000.00 TO BE RECEIVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. INCREASING THE SPENDING AUTHORITY TO THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF THE AWARD (\$538,650.00) AND TRANSFERRING THE SPENDING AUTHORITY, IN PART, FROM THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, LOUISVILLE METRO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND LOUISVILLE FIRE

Status: In-Committee Committee: Budaet

Primary Sponsor: Madonna Flood

Motion to Approve made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by Judy Green

DEPARTMENT.

Tracey Neathery, Criminal Justice Commission, stated these are Homeland Security Funds awarded to the Police Department. The State Homeland Security Office decided it would be more appropriate to have a multi-disciplinary spending and have asked the Metro Criminal Justice Commission to administer the funds for spending by the other departments as well. The funds are to purchase First Responder and Law Enforcement equipment for the community infrastructure.

By vote, the item was sent to the **CONSENT CALENDAR** for the 06/12/08 Metro Council Meeting.

VOTING RESULTS - For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Judy Green, David Tandy, Kenneth C. Fleming, Kelly Downard, Hal Heiner, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Stuart

Benson, Mary C. Woolridge, George Unseld

Against: (None) Abstain: (None)

Absent: Rick Blackwell

Status: In Committee - Tabled

Committee: Budget

**Primary Sponsor:** Kelly Downard Doug Hawkins

**Additional Sponsor:** 

Dan Johnson Robin Engel

Motion to Untable made by Kelly Downard and seconded by Hal Heiner

CM Downard mentioned the discussion which occurred on the item at the previous committee meeting, with the changes made by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office. This is an effort to, in effect, to sequester Metro's funds until the closing occurs, at which time all funds need to complete this project be in place.

Jim McGovern, Mayors Office, stated the Executive Branch would be opposed to any ordinance revisiting a deal which has already been made. This would hamper the Economic Development.

The following was discussed:

- Dramatic change in financial industry
  - Not revisiting or changing any aspect from original deal
- This ordinance is setting a precedent on a deal already made/closed
  - Seeking no problems in the transactions for the Project
  - Concerns with tarnishing the Project
  - o This puts off the spending of funds by the Developer until there is a loan closing & funds are secured
- Is not in the Bond document, but is in the deal
  - o The deal is the operative document the deal is done
- Mayors view could be impractical impact
- Hesitancy in making the written agreement a law
- The timing of the Bond could make a major impact on FY09's Budget

The question was called by CM Fleming; without objection, the question was called.

Motion to Approve the As Amended version made by Kevin Kramer and seconded by Stuart Benson

By vote, the motion failed due to tie vote; the item was sent to the **OLD BUSINESS WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION** for the 06/12/08 Metro Council Meeting.

For: 5; Against: 5; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Kenneth C. Fleming, Kelly Downard, Hal Heiner, Kevin Kramer, Stuart Benson

Against: Judy Green, David Tandy, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Mary C. Woolridge, George Unseld

Abstain: (None) Absent: Rick Blackwell

Motion to Adjourn made by Kevin Kramer.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:11PM KLP

## **BUDGET AGENDA VIEW ONLY**